(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of central projects

1658. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Ministry of Finance has tightened the noose on the implementation of all central projects specially those in the infrastructure sector;

(b) whether any directives have been issued that project appraisals and formulations will have to be completed with 16 weeks from conceptualisation to tying up of funds; and

(c) if so, the details of the fresh norms issued by his Ministry in respect of projects specially social and infrastructure projects and the dates from which they are to be enforced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a)Sir, procedures are already laid down for review/monitoring of implementation of all Central projects, including infrastructure projects.

(b) Guidelines have been issued prescribing a time period of 16 weeks for appraisal of projects (excluding the time taken for preparation of DPR) costing Rs.50 crore and above.

(c) As per fresh guidelines, preparation of Feasibility Report (FR) is necessary for obtaining 'in-principle' approval of the Planning Commission had inclusion of the project/scheme (costing Rs.50 crore and above) in the Plan of the concerned Ministry/Department. Thereafter a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has to be prepared for inter-ministerial consultations. A generic structure for the DPR has been incorporated in the guidelines. The guidelines are applicable for all Central Government funded plan schemes/projects and are applicable *w.e.f.* 01.07.2003.

Airport Handling by IA

1659. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines proposes to establish a